

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 7 are pending, with Claims 1, 6, and 7 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 have been amended.

Transmitted herewith are 15 replacement sheets of formal drawings comprising clean copies of Figs. 1 through 15.

Claims 2 and 4 were objected to on the grounds that network address should read IP address. All objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the amendment of the claims as kindly suggested in the Official Action.

Claims 1 through 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over US 2002/0083431 A1 (Machida) in view of newly-cited US 6,814,510 B1 (Sabbagh, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 6, and 7 variously recite, *inter alia*, a method in a *server apparatus*, or a *server apparatus*, with sending a search request to the printing device and receiving from the printing device a response including an IP address (in combination with determining whether or not the searched-for printing device has the IP address within the designated range information, and distributing the program).

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none of the applied documents, even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 6, and 7.

Applicant submits that Machida's IP address [0073] is that of the client unit (PC), *not* the peripheral device (printer), and the Official Action acknowledges that Machida is deficient, and therefore relies upon Sabbagh, et al.'s col. 2, lines 30-34. Applicant respectfully traverses such reliance. Applicant respectfully submits that said portion discloses, e.g., that the print device driver obtains the IP address of the printer and directly addresses the printer circumventing the operating system print spooler, which provides neither a description or a suggestion of the *server apparatus* or *server apparatus* method with sending a search request to the printing device and receiving therefrom a response including an IP address as claimed in the above-mentioned claimed features.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such a feature.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative, Daniel S. Glueck, at (202) 530-1010 to schedule an interview.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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